
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



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COMMISSION ON MILITARY AND NATIONAL SECURITY FACILITIES

Importance of the Initiative

For more than one hundred years the Commonwealth of Virginia has served the United States of America and its citizens by providing an unparalleled array of military and non-military national security facilities, including the Pentagon in Arlington, the world's largest naval base in Norfolk, both the field training facility for the Central Intelligence Agency at Camp Perry and the headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, the National Ground Intelligence Center and many other facilities throughout the Commonwealth. Collectively these military and national security facilities have become an integral part of the Commonwealth, including our security, our economic stability and our civic life.

The people of Virginia are acutely aware of the integral role military and national security facilities play in the economic vitality of the Commonwealth. The estimated \$56 billion the Department of Defense alone is projected to spend in the Commonwealth in 2010 translates to business for Virginia and high-quality jobs for our citizens. Virginia will be vigilant in protecting the military and national security assets located in the Commonwealth, and will continuously seek new opportunities for growth. To this end, the Commonwealth will be proactive in identifying the appropriate strategies to retain the military and national security facilities located in the Commonwealth and to identify operations and facilities that can be located within Virginia.

To accomplish this, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Article V of the *Constitution of Virginia* and by Section 2.2-134 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby create Virginia's Commission on Military and National Security Facilities.

The Commission

The Commission will consist of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and the Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness, as well as members appointed by the Governor and serving at his pleasure. Initial appointments of members to the Commission by the Governor will include 25 members. The Governor may appoint additional persons to the Commission at his discretion.

The Commission is to consist of two (2) working groups – one working group on military installations under the coordination of the Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness and one working group on non-military national security facilities under the coordination of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade.

The Commission's responsibilities shall include the following:

1. Identify appropriate opportunities for relocating additional military commands and missions to the Commonwealth.
2. Identify appropriate opportunities for relocating additional national security facilities to the Commonwealth.
3. Recommend, as appropriate, the best business practices for the Commonwealth to retain its existing military installations and commands.
4. Recommend, as appropriate, the best business practices for the Commonwealth to retain its existing non-military national security facilities.
5. Support and foster collaboration among local and regional entities in identifying appropriate opportunities for placement of additional national security facilities in the Commonwealth.
6. Determine the best and most efficient manner to foster and promote business, technology, transportation, education, economic development and other efforts to support, attract and retain existing military installations and commands in the Commonwealth.
7. Determine the best and most efficient manner to foster and promote business, technology, transportation, education, economic development and other efforts to support and retain existing non-military national security facilities in the Commonwealth.
8. Identify and track all national security facilities located in the Commonwealth and their building needs.

9. Determine the best industrial and economic development for the localities included in or adjacent to military installations and commands in the Commonwealth.
10. Determine the best industrial and economic development for the localities included in or adjacent to non-military national security facilities in the Commonwealth.
11. Inform the Governor on a regular basis on all pertinent findings and recommendations.

Commission Staffing and Funding

Necessary staff support for the Commission's work during its existence shall be furnished by the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness and the Office of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, and such other agencies and offices as designated by the Governor. An estimated 100 hours of staff time will be required to support the work of the Commission.

Necessary funding to support the Commission and its staff shall be provided from federal funds, private contributions, and state funds appropriated for the same purposes as the Commission, as authorized by Section 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, as well as any other private sources of funding that may be identified. Estimated direct costs for this Commission are \$5,000.00.

Commission members shall serve without compensation and shall receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties consistent with state law.

The Commission shall report quarterly to the Governor and shall issue such other reports and recommendations as necessary or as requested by the Governor.

Effective Date of the Executive Order

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in force and effect until January 15, 2014, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this ____ day of August 2010.

Robert F. McDonnell, Governor

Attest:

Secretary of the Commonwealth